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Welcome to the August edition of "Evaluation News: Expanding Knowledge Through Information Exchange." The E-newsletter provides evaluation information to states on a regular basis using technology to promote information exchange and enhance capacity to access the research and evaluation community.

**NATIONAL AND STATE EVALUATION NEWS****BEHAVIOR THERAPY PROGRAM FOR JUVENILES**

The Washington State Institute for Public Policy has published findings from a cognitive-behavioral treatment program for youth with mental health problems. The study entitled, *Recidivism Findings for the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration's Dialectical Behavior Therapy Program: Final Report*, updates the recidivism analysis from a previous study of the program by using a longer follow-up period.

<http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/rptfiles/06-07-1201.pdf>.

**COMMUNITY SUPERVISION**

A joint research team from Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Maryland have published a report entitled, *Proactive Community Supervision in Maryland: Changing Offender Outcomes*. This study was conducted to determine whether the Proactive Community Supervision (PCS) strategy achieves its intended goals.

[http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicinfo/publications/pdfs/PCS\\_Evaluation\\_Feb06.pdf](http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/publicinfo/publications/pdfs/PCS_Evaluation_Feb06.pdf).

**DRUG COURT**

NPC Research has published findings from a study entitled, *Family Treatment Drug Court Evaluation Final Phase I Study Report*. The report presents the final analysis of a 4-year study investigating the short- and long-term child welfare and treatment outcomes for families participating in Family Treatment Drug Court. This report can be accessed by visiting the NPC website.

<http://www.npcresearch.com/>.

**INFORMATION SHARING/INTEGRATION**

The National Institute of Standards and Technology recently published *MINEX Performance and Interoperability of the INCITS 378 Fingerprint Template*. This report addresses two main questions: Does the template give accuracy comparable with proprietary (image-based) implementations and can template data be generated and matched by different vendors without attendant increase in error rates?

[http://fingerprint.nist.gov/minex04/minex\\_report.pdf](http://fingerprint.nist.gov/minex04/minex_report.pdf).

Useful resources for planning and implementing program evaluations and for  
developing program performance measures are available at:

The BJA Center for Program Evaluation Web Site  
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/index.html>

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### JUVENILE AFTERCARE

The National Center for Juvenile Justice recently published a report, *Process Evaluation of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Juvenile Justice Services' Aftercare Program*. The report describes the design and implementation of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Juvenile Justice Services' (BJJS) new model of aftercare.

[http://www.pccd.state.pa.us/pccd/lib/pccd/stats/completedprojectdocs/asof2006/bjjs\\_aftercare\\_final\\_report.pdf](http://www.pccd.state.pa.us/pccd/lib/pccd/stats/completedprojectdocs/asof2006/bjjs_aftercare_final_report.pdf).

### JUVENILE MENTORING

The Washington State Institute for Public Policy has published a report which updates preliminary findings from a previous analysis by using a longer follow-up period to measure recidivism. The report is entitled, *Recidivism Findings for the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration's Mentoring Program: Final Report*.

<http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/rptfiles/06-07-1202.pdf>.

### JUVENILE PAROLE SERVICES

*The Effects of Parole on Recidivism: Juvenile Offenders Released from Washington State Institutions: Final Report* was recently published by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy. This report presents updated findings from a previous report. In the current study a longer follow-up period was used along with an additional comparison group to provide a more rigorous test of parole on juvenile recidivism.

<http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/rptfiles/06-07-1203.pdf>.

### SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT

*Sex Offender Sentencing in Washington State: Does the Prison Treatment Program Reduce Recidivism* is the most recent in a series of reports published by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy on the impact and effectiveness of current sex offender sentencing policies. This report compares recidivism rates of sex offenders who were willing but did not participate in the Sex Offender Treatment Program (SOTP) with sex offenders who did participate in SOTP.

<http://www.wsipp.wa.gov/rptfiles/06-06-1205.pdf>.

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

### THE BJA REGIONAL CONFERENCE SERIES

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) will host four conferences for its 2006 Regional Conference Series. The first conference will be held for the Midwest Region and is scheduled for November 16-17, 2006 in Columbus, Ohio. Information concerning the conferences is available at the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) web site.

[http://www.ncja.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=BJA\\_Regional\\_Conference\\_Series](http://www.ncja.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=BJA_Regional_Conference_Series).

### THE NATIONAL YOUTH CENTER

The National Youth Center will host a training entitled, *Developing and Implementing Youth Courts*, September 13-15, 2006 in Albany, New York. Various interactive seminars will be provided including one on establishing a plan for program evaluation.

[http://www.youthcourt.net/training\\_ta/2006/Albany\\_Overview.htm](http://www.youthcourt.net/training_ta/2006/Albany_Overview.htm).

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### **BJS/JRSA 2006 NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

The BJS/JRSA 2006 National Conference, *Justice Research and Statistics: Informing Effective Policy*, will be held October 12-13, 2006 in Denver, Colorado. Visit the conference web site to register for the conference and view the regularly updated agenda.

<http://www.jrsa.org/events/conference/index.html>.

### **THE AMERICAN EVALUATION ASSOCIATION (AEA)**

The AEA annual conference, *Evaluation 2006: The Consequences of Evaluation* will be held November 1-4, 2006 in Portland, Oregon. Professional development workshops will also be available.

<http://www.eval.org/eval2006/>.

### **THE OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME (OVC)**

The OVC Fall/Winter 2006 Training Calendar includes information concerning a special training workshop entitled, *Program Evaluation*, that will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, November 7-8, 2006. More information is available by accessing the Fall/Winter Training Schedule.

<http://www.ovcttac.org/calendar/training.cfm>.

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